

receiving a second audio signal in the form of a second radio broadcast or intercom from a second source;

producing a second stereo signal having a right second audio signal and a left second audio signal from said second audio signal;

providing the right first audio signal and right second audio signal to a right audio transducer; and

providing the left first audio signal and the left second audio signal to a left audio transducer;

wherein said first differentiation cue provides differentiation to allow a listener to more easily distinguish said first and second audio signals than without said differentiation cue; and

wherein one of said sources does not ~~receive~~ have any capability to receive any of said stereo signals.

Remarks/Amendments

This paper is a preliminary amendment to the above referenced matter and submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. It addresses the issues raised in the Advisory Action mailed 17 April 2006. This amendment is submitted in compliance with the guidelines of the revised amendment practice. See 1267 Off. Gazette 106.

Claims 1-3, 6-14 and 18-26 are currently pending. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the language of the claims, specifically language stating "at least one of said sources does not receive said stereo signals" could be interpreted in such a manner as not to completely eliminate the possibility that the source in question cannot receive stereo signals. The independent claims, Claims 1, 6-14 and 23-26, have been amended to address this interpretation.

Additionally, the Examiner indicated that the term "receive" within the above mentioned language could be interpreted to include the act of choosing to turn off a signal as set forth in the prior art. While the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner, the claims have been amended to clarify that one of the signal sources in the present invention does not have the capability to receive signals. In other words, the signal source in question does not have the ability to receive other signals giving the user no option as to whether to receive signals or not. Contrast with the prior art wherein each signal source could receive signals in the event the user choose such an option.

Based on the above, and the prior responses filed herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for registration and reconsideration is requested. If the Examining Attorney has any questions or comments or if further clarification is required, it is requested that he contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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